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'UNO students better off in jail'

By Heidi Jeanne Hess

Saturday was a day to Celebrate UNO. It was also the day the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chose to demonstrate against proposed budget reductions at UNO.

More than 20 AAUP members passed out fliers to people attending Celebrate UNO, asking them to "fill out the card and send it in." About 2,000 flyers, paid for by the UNO chapter of AAUP, were distributed Saturday. The AAUP also paid to have 8,000 flyers inserted in today's Gateway.

The fliers had a tear-out post card which asked Nebraska senators, Chancellor Del Weber and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, to not take funding away from UNO.

"We need to impress the need UNO has," said AAUP President Gene Freund, UNO education professor. "Most of our students work, they need a university that has its doors open."

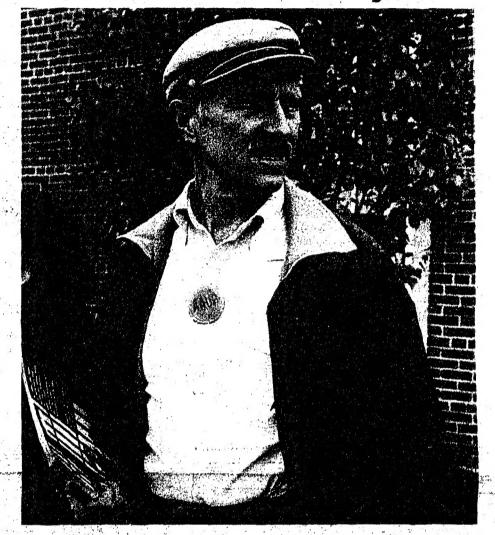
Talk of budget reductions started when the regents' request for a 13 percent budget increase was whittled down by the Legislature Appropriations Committee to a 0.8 percent increase for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

University officials have said the appropriations committee's proposal will cause a budget crisis throughout the NU system, possibly leading to the shutting down of departments and colleges.

According to Freund, the demonstration stems from faculty being concerned about the proposed budget cuts and the targeting of programs and professors at UNO for possible termination.

The flier says "in 1991 Nebraska will spend

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- ED CARLSON

Mike Gillespie distributes AAUP filers in front of the Eppley Administration Building Saturday. Gillespie is an associate professor of philosophy and religion at UNO. The filers urged students to send attached postcards to Nebraska senators, UNO Chancellor Del Weber and the Board of Regents. "We need to impress the need UNO has," AAUP President Gene Freund said.

Women talk to regents

By KIM HANSEN

Physical appearance of women faculty members instead of quality of teaching appears more often on student evaluations, said Janet West, chairperson of UNO's Faculty Senate Personnel and Welfare Committee.

West was among three UNO representatives who reported on women's issues at the University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting Friday.

Research attributed to a female is evaluated as of lesser quality than when attributed to a male, West's report said.

"Male colleagues may not value the research topics women are interested in," West said.

A way to gauge the way women faculty and staff members feel about their employment and treatment at UNO is to conduct exit interviews, said Kim Sosin, chairperson of the economics department.

The interviews should either be done by an outside interviewer or academic affairs, not by a department head, she said.

Establishing amentor program where women in a higher position can help and encourage other women is a way to keep women faculty at UNO, Sosin said.

Currently, 12 percent of UNO's full professors are women, said Barbara Hayhome, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and an affirmative action officer.

In the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS), 26 percent of full

professors are women. The College of Business Administration has no women full professors, Social said

In the College of Arts and Sciences, male full professors make an average of \$43,464 while their female counterparts average \$41,052. In CPACS, male full professors on average outearn women \$46,696 to \$41,169.

However, in the College of Education and the College of Fine Arts women full professors have higher average salaries than male full professors, Sosin said.

In the College of Education women full professors' average salaries are \$48,120 compared to \$43,175 for men.

Women full professors in the College of Fine Arts average \$44,804 while men average \$43,819, she said.

Sosin concluded by suggesting to the regents each campus should be required to submit an annual report documenting the status of women foculty.

"We are depending on you (the regents) to continue to make it clear that the status of women at the University of Nebraska is important," she said.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said the board is concerned about gender inequity issues.

He said often issues of major importance get pushed to the "back burner" because the board gets tied up with crisis management, such as the recent budget reductions. However, Blank said, it does not mean the board does not care about those issues.

Well, tickle UNO pink

By Heidi Jeanne Hess

Except for a few uncooperative rain drops, Celebrate UNO was a success.

"I am absolutely tickled pink," said Nancy Davis, the coordinator of the fourth celebration: More than 10,000 people roamed around

UNO's campus on Saturday to enjoy the various events throughout the university, she said.

Davis said Celebrate UNO is becoming

Davis said Celebrate UNO is becoming a very popular springtime event which people look forward to, "It pulls the campus together."

Davis said they look at grass-roots support from the university and sponsor interest each year before making the decision to have a Celebrate UNO, since it is not a planned-annual event.

Celebrate UNO does not come cheaply. According to Davis, taking everything into account, the budget for the event was \$35,000. More than two-thirds of the money comes from the corporate sponsors.

Davis, manager of Community Relations at UNO, said a consulting firm was used on a limited basis this year for Celebrate. In previous years a consulting firm did all the planning and organizing.

National Briefs

AMA goes on the offensive against animal-rights groups

(CPS) — The American Medical Association (AMA) said it is ready to fight back against animal-rights groups, claiming they are scaring students away from studying science.

Beginning this month, the AMA will stage a series of news conferences around the country to counter animal activists' efforts to stop the classroom use of animals.

The AMA and other medical groups have long complained that "animal rights groups" are impeding scientific research and frightening the scientists themselves.

In 1989, the Knoxville, Tenn., police issued a nationwide alert claiming they had information that "terrorists" were out to kill deans of campus veterinary medical schools as revenge for using lab animals in experiments.

Activists at the universities of Arizona, Pennsylvania and Oregon have, over the years, physically broken into campus labs, destroying research equipment and "liberating" the caged creatures they found there.

Researchers hope the AMA media blitz will help turn public opinion their way while activists try to stop schools from letting science students dissect animals in class.

"Our concern is whether or not the youth of this country are really getting the straight story regarding the use of animals in teaching," said William Jacott, an AMA trustee.

Animal activists reply that scientists themselves discourage students' interest in science by forcing them to dissect animals.

"We feel animals are not educational tools," said Sue Brener, education director for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). "Sensitive students will be turned off to science careers."

PETA, Brener added, published a report last October purporting to detail inhumane treatment of animals at the businesses that supply schools with animals for dissection.

While the current AMA press conferences target elementary and secondary school education, last October the association accused PETA and other animal-rights groups of mounting a campaign of terrorism against scientific research and teaching on college campuses.

"We're never going to catch up with the Japanese and the Germans if we don't get more people into science," said Morton Silberman, assistant director for the health sciences center at Emory University.

Animal activists make students think science is "a dirty business," Silberman said.

"That's such a strange argument," said Ryan Ring, founder of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

"There's not an animal rights group who would say science is wholly a bad thing," he contended.

Both Ring and Brener said they want teachers to use videos and computer simulations to demonstrate anatomy instead of animal dissection.

"Dissection is no longer a relevant educational tool," Brener

Silberman disagreed, saying a computer can't help teach skills like surgery or anticipate how organic tissue will respond.

"The need for animals is there," he said. "From the standpoint of biomedical research, they are invaluable."

Air Force ROTC may expel another homosexual student

(CPS) — The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) reportedly is about to expel Washington University of St. Louis student Robert Schwitz from its program and try to force him to repay \$45,000 in scholarship money after finding out Schwitz is a homosexual.

The U.S. Department of Defense bars homosexuals, and forced another Washington student out of an Army ROTC unit in 1990.

Schwitz said he had not misled ROTC. He is claiming that when he first entered the program in 1988 he had not yet realized he was homosexual. He adds he would like to fulfill his ROTC obligation, and "serve as an openly gay man in the United States Air Force."



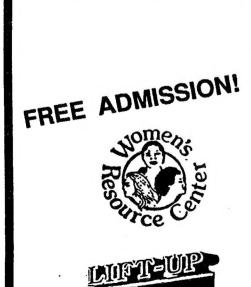


AND THE COLLEGE STUDENT

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 - more vulnerable to rape than any other age group.

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Marti Rosen Forman Speaker from UNO's Counseling Center Friday, April 26 1:30 p.m. Gallery Room, MBSC



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Local Briefs

Degree in environmental studies may be on the way

UNO administrators proposed a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies for UNO at the University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting Friday.

The proposed program represents a cooperative effort of the departments of biology, geography-geology and chemistry.

The program utilizes courses already in the curriculum. Student select one of four specialty options closely associated with one of the academic departments.

All students will complete a 35 to 36-hour interdisciplinary environmental studies core, as well as campus-wide and college general education requirements. No additional resources will be required to initiate this program.

Gateway takes first place in eight of nine categories

The Gateway won eight of nine first-place and five secondplace awards at the Nebraska Press Association Better Newspaper Competition April 12-13 at the Red Lion Inn.

In the 1991 Special Member Contest, which was open to all state college and university student newspapers, the Gateway won the following:

First place: Best Editorial; Best Feature Story, Sarah Smock; Best Spot News, Elizabeth Ommachen; Best News Series, Greg Kozol; Best Personal Column, Dave Manning; Best Feature Photo, Eric Francis; Best News Photo, Francis; and Best Sports Feature Photo, Francis.

Second Place: Best Spot News, Ommachen; Best News Series, Kent Walton and Nancy Stohlman; Best Personal Column, Bill Wilson; Best Sports News Photo, Francis; and Best Sports Feature Photo, Francis.

UNO spring commencement set for Fieldhouse May 11

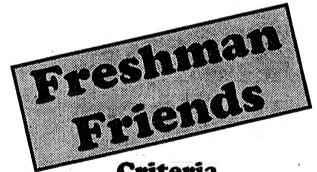
Commencement for May graduates will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Marshmallows, anyone?



Saturday night at about 10:30, near 80th and Dodge streets, this car caught fire. The Omaha Police Division was unable to provide the name of the driver, but said no one was injured in the accident.

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Thanks Cheerteam!

Thanks to the 1990-91 Cheerteam for hanging in there with me: Shilo DeReu, Carrie Gebbie, Teffanie Loneman, Kim McCray, Cass Nanfito, Rhonda Roy, Beth Watson, Tiffany Whitney and Laura Josoff, coach, who helped keep it together. Great job, ladies!

Welcome to the '91-92 Cheerteem: Shilo DeReu, Carrie Gebble, Jody Johnson, Julia Kerstetter, Teffani Loneman, Kim McCray, Traci McCray, Tammy Nielsen, Rhonda Roy, Kymberty Rusk, Mikala Tomes, Beth Watson, Tiffany Whitney, Angela Wilshusen, Laura Josoff, coach, and Cass Nanfito, assistant.

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The Army ROTC ad, "Start Your Climb", that has been running during the month of April, gave an incorrect phone number. The correct Army ROTC office phone number is 554-3777. The Gateway regrets any inconveniences this may have caused.

Earth Day participants celebrate

By GREG KOZOL

Like a lot of other visitors at Omaha's Central Park Mall Sunday, LaVern Thraen has a vision.

Thraen's vision is of hydrogen-powered cars, acres of wind tunnels churning out electricity and solar-powered rock 'n' roll.

Thraen's alternative energy display was one of about 70 at Central Park Mall Sunday, part of the city's Earth Day Omaha '91 celebration. The displays ranged from outdoor haircuts featuring natural products, a demonstration of a cleanburning natural gas car and information on planting trees and recycling.

More than 1,000 people attended the celebration. Thraen's display was one of several that always seemed to draw a large crowd.

Raising his voice like a soapbox preacher Thraen demonstrated his alternative energy display.

As he turned up the radio that was powered by a solar-charged battery, Thraen, who is no affiliated with any particular environmentaorganization, said he believes switching to other sources of energy would not cause much of a

"I'm not asking anyone to change you lifestyle," he said, "I still want to have fun. I still like to rock 'n' roll.

"This music was brought to you by the sun,"

He went on to show some teenagers his "oven," a cardboard box with a flat patch of aluminum foil sticking

And will Thraen's vision become reality?

presenting anything new. It's going to have to happen someday."



-ERIC FRANCIS

"Let's hope it happens," he said. "I'm not As a child looks on, Gov. Ben Nelson is interviewed by WOW radio during Earth Day Omaha '91 celebrations in Central Park Mali.

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The Council for Community & Legislative Relations is now taking applications for the following positions:

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Med Pulse

Andrews ends Medical Center career June 30

BY D.J. STILES

University of Nebraska Medical Center Chancellor Charles Andrews, M.D. said, "Nebraskans can be proud of their Medical Center."

In turn, Nebraskans can also be proud of their retiring Medical Center chancellor for all he has done to help make this state a better place to live — literally.

Andrews has been the Medical Center's chancellor for almost eight years, and will retire June 30.

A small-town Oklahoma native, Andrews has had quite a life so far, with a history that covers much of the Eastern and

Midwestern United States.

Like many others graduating from high school during World War II, Andrews immediately received draft notices.

On his military application, Andrews penciled in his interest in the medical field.

Andrews received basic training in Texas. After that, he said "they put us on a train. We went through Canada and ended up in New York City at 5 a.m."

Andrews said when he came up from the subway he was at Greenwich College.

During the week, he said, as students of the college, they were confined to the eight-block campus. But on the weekends they

were free to roam the whole city.

"The first five to six months I was a tourist," Andrews said. "I've seen more of New York than most residents."

Andrews said he then attended the University of New York for his pre-med degree and subsequently attended Boston University for medical school.

From there he landed a job at the University of West Virginia (UWV) teaching and conducting medical research.

Eight years later Andrews was promoted to vice president of health services at UWV and remained in that position for 13 years.

"After 13 years as vice president, I stepped down," he said. "I decided I was a better administrator than institutionalist at that point."

With that decision, Andrews made a career change which has consumed the last eight years of his life.

He was nominated for the position of chancellor at both the Medical Center and at Kansas University.

"Kansas had a lot of serious problems," Andrews said. "You can go into a place like that and look good very quickly if you know what you're doing."

He said "at the Medical Center there weren't a lot of problems or any bad things wrong. It's harder to move an institution forward when it is OK."

Andrews said he saw the Medical Center as a challenge and more fun, because it was already seen as a good academic institution.

"The Medical Center had a very good education program," he said. "We're really just getting started.

"We've tried to focus on some very specific areas," Andrews said. "We tried to get resources for those specified areas and we consolidated other departments."

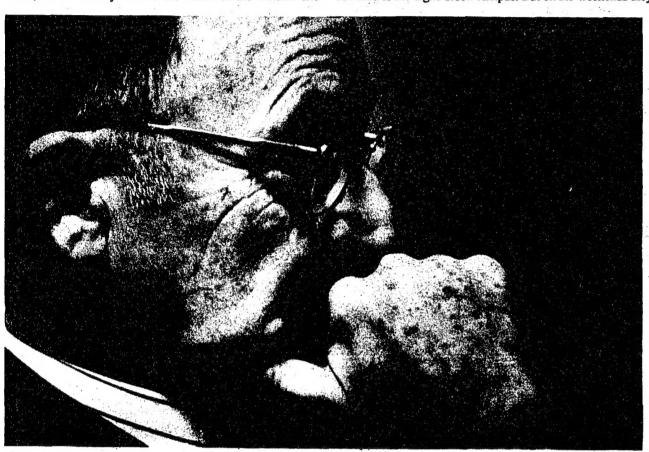
Areas given special attention in recent years, according to Andrews, are transplants, cancer research and treatment, geriatrics and the rural health education network. This also includes the Medical Center's partnership with community hospitals and many other community health professionals throughout Nebraska.

"I don't think any medical center in the country is doing what we are in rural health," Andrews said.

"It's the whole idea of working together to share programs and save dollars," he said. "We try to do that with other institutions whenever possible."

When asked what his plans are after June 30, Andrews freely said, "I don't have any specific plans."

But he quickly added, "I'm not going to run a medical center again. And I'm not going to be taking care of patients either."



-Eric Francis

Chancellor Charles Andrews plans to retire June 30 after eight years at the helm of the Medical Center. Andrews is proud of the accomplishments the Medical Center has made in rural health care. "I don't think any medical center in the country is doing what we are in rural health," he said.

Health care of the '90s — fourth in a five-part series

Allied Health Professionals

Ultrasounds not just for pregnant women

By D.J. STILES

Diagnostic medical sonography — diagnostic imaging — ultrasound — all in the

An ultrasonographer "uses high-frequency sound waves to do imaging," said Cheri Fisher, director of the diagnostic medical sonography (ultrasound) program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"The sound waves echo off internal structures," she said, "and then come back to the computer as electronic images."

An ultrasonographer would perform the actual ultrasound and then submit the images recorded to a physician for diagnoses.

Fisher said ultrasound ideas first originated as sonar and didn't evolve into medicine until the '70's

"The first ultrasound equipment was very primitive and limited," she said.

According to Fisher, an engineer from the Firestone Tire Co. and a physician from Scotland were the inventors of the first ultrasound machine, first used in the '50s.

Today, Fisher said the ultrasound is trying to break the barrier of dimensions.

"Ultrasound views things in two-dimensions," she said. "You have to envision three-dimensions when the image is actually only in two-dimensions."

Ultrasounds are currently used mainly for

examining pregnant women, she said. But many other uses have popped up in recent years.

"There are a lot of uses for an ultrasound," Fisher said. "We can study liver disease, gall-bladders, the nervous system and blood flow."

She said the ultrasound waves are able to penetrate through soft tissues very easily, but it cannot pass through bone or air.

"Sound travels through tissue as waves," she said. The sound wave breaks up "when the area is either too dense or not dense enough."

Fisher said a patient must drink a lot of fluid before an ultrasound, because sound waves travel well through water, making it easier for them to travel through the body. Also, the addition of water to the bladder pushes the abdominal tissues closer together, creating a more recognizable image.

"They develop a new application for ultrasound everyday," she said. "The demand (for ultrasonographers) has increased faster than there are qualified persons."

The degree is actually a fourth-year option, according to Fisher. With a one-year college prerequisite and two years of radiology study, a student has the option to choose the ultrasound program at the Medical Center as a specialty.

In a rural setting, Fisher said there isn't really enough need in one hospital for an ultrasonographer. She said for the most part, the option for this is a mobile technician that services many communities within a reasonable area.

Those who work the machines in demand

By D.J. STILES

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics said radiologic technology is the fourth fastest growing occupation in the United States.

In just this field alone, the expected increase is projected to be 68 percent over the next eight to 10 years.

James Temme is the director and an assistant professor of the Radiography Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"Maybe we should be called 'imagers," he said. "It might be more appropriate to call us the department of medical imaging."

Temme explained that radiographers just

perform radiography (or imaging as he likes to call it). They do not diagnose as radiologists do.

He explained that the radiographer operates

He explained that the radiographer operates the X-ray machine and many others, in order to obtain the images necessary to aid the radiologist in diagnosing and treating a patient's disease or injury.

Temme said the machines used can depict images of the human body and can electronically display a specifically measured image of any part of the body.

Showing two different actual photographs or images, he explained the machines seemingly split apart the area or injury in question and display a cross-section of it, enabling the professional to literally look inside a person without any type of surgery to make a diagnosis.

"Radiology is a very good area to get into," Temme said. "I get calls from recruiters almost daily."

He said there were 50 applicants this year to the program with only eight positions available.

The program consists of a professional component study of two years. After those two years the student may choose to enter another area of interest, such as ultrasound, nuclear medicine or radiation therapy, or remain in radiography and then pursue one more year in one of the areas mentioned.

"Students are hired before they graduate," he said. "If they want to work, they'll get a job."

Temme also mentioned the programs initial effort into the rural areas of McCook and Gordon in Nebraska. He said the Medical Center plans to develop these rural sites this summer.

What kind of salary can a graduate expect? "That depends on job responsibility," Temme said. "With no experience, just out of college, about \$10 an hour," amounting to about \$20,000 a year.

"We don't have enough faculty," Temme said, "We rely on a lot of people in various departments."

Temme said although the Medical Center could use more instructors, the program is going well with a primarily volunteer faculty.

UNO opens its doors to the c

or a day, the average age of someone attending UNO dropped below 27. In its four-year history, Celebrate UNO has developed into what Chancellor Del Weber calls "a family outing": members of the community, students and non-students alike, with kids in tow.

"I think it's great, it's lively," Weber tells me. "There are more (kids) than I've ever seen."
Weber wasn't far from the truth. Kids were everywhere.

Phil Jensen looks like a pilot, and having a Cessna single-engine plane behind you doesn't hurt the image. Hordes of interested people, young and old, climb into the cramped cockpit of the tiny two-seater. He

looks amused — it's great publicity.

A member of the Flying Mavericks, a group of students in UNO's Aviation
Institute, Jensen and some others "decided to bring a plane down" and parked it outside the Engineering Building, courtesey of Sky Harbor. "Flying's great," he says.

People are streaming out of the library carrying armloads of books, and what is Bob Runyon doing? Selling them, of course.

Runyon, the director of University Library, isn't making a quick buck off of state book dollars. Rather, he's exploiting a flaw in human nature.

"People love book sales," he tells me, eyeing a pile of books on the table. "These books are donated or discarded for some reason or another, and the money is used to buy new books. It's been really popular so far."

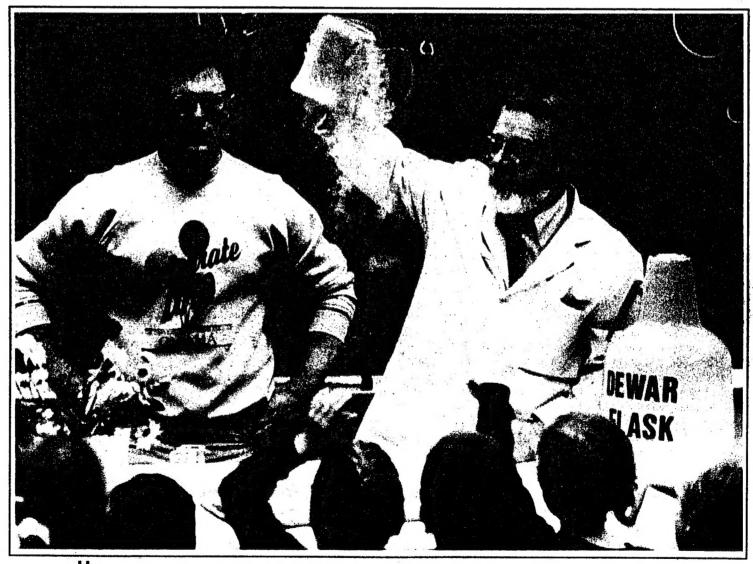
Tell me about it. I ended up with nearly two dozen by day's end.

A line of eager faces snakes back into the depths of Durham Science Center away from the Kountze Memorial Planetarium as prospective astronomers wait for the next star and laser show.

Jason Horacek, all-around planetarium worker, isn't daunted. "We've had overruns on every show so far," he says, looking down the line. That's more than 250 people by 1 p.m., with plenty of shows left to go. "The



Bruno Castelhano and Mary Hoppe stamp 'passports' for anxious travelers inside International Student Services' World Caravan tent.



UNO Professor Dan Sullivan gets a helping hand with some sort of science experiment from Don Schmit and Natalie Baker (not pictured) during a 'chemistry wizard' show.

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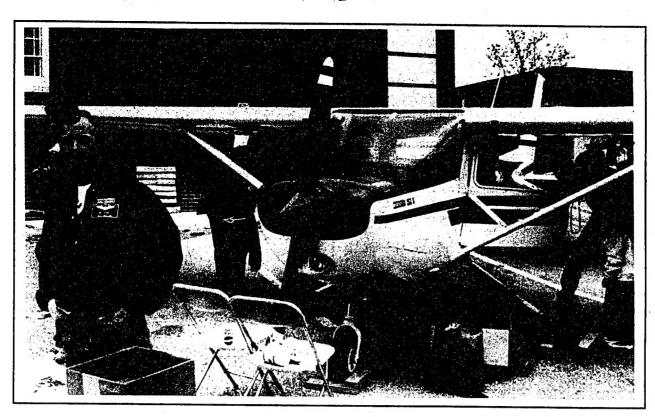
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Phil Jensen, a member of the UNO Flying Mavericks, stands in front of a very crowded Cessna. Sky Harbor provided the plane.

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response has been really great," he adds. I decide not to wait, and head down the hall. listening for explosions.

I lean forward to the group of young guys in front of me complaining that Dan Sullivan's "chemistry wizard" performance is boring. "Just wait," I tell them. "He's going to blow some things up."

"I like science," Sullivan says at the beginning of his show. Yes, show: Dan Sullivan is a showman, better than any magician I've seen. "Oohs" and "ahs" later, after he starts several fires, turns solutions different colors and wows the audience, I leave. Sullivan, more than a magician, is a good teacher. Most of the 80 or so kids in that room will leave it with a good feeling about science.

The Omaha Police Division was out in force Saturday. Officer G.B. Shields and his partner, Kelly the horse, patrolled the campus for most of the afternoon. Neither one of

them had much to say. The kids seemed to prefer Kelly to Officer Shields.

With 17 countries under one roof, you'd expect some trouble, but not so much as a complaint made it to International Student Services (ISS) Director Jody Manning Saturday. ISS sponsored the World Caravan, primarily "to promote global education and awareness," Manning explains. It was more fun than it sounds, and the kids got to have World Caravan passports stamped at every booth. A cool idea, but I passed on it.

If you missed it, well, you missed it. The weather, as Chancellor Weber put it, "came within 1 percent of being a nice day." But the rain never came, and more than 10,000 people came to school, including University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale and Regent Rosemary Skrupa.

So go next year — even if you're not a kid, you can have some fun.



Babs Bunny, from the KPTM Kids Korral, and friend.

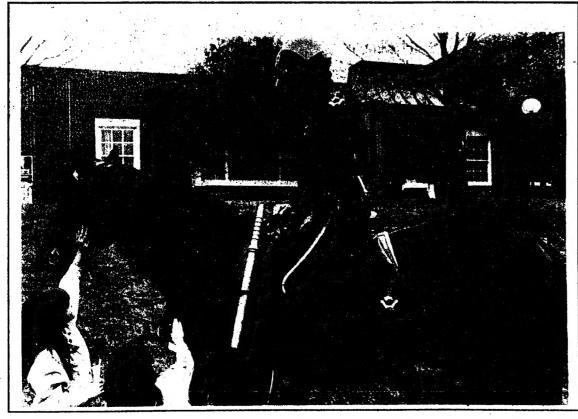
Observations

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Omaha Police Division Officer G.B. Shields and his partner, Kelly the horse, entertain two of the many kids at Celebrate UNO.



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA GATEWAY

AAUP: 2,500 students could lose

"This is the working-class

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10 times more on every prisoner than it will to educate a student at UNO - maybe UNO students would be better off in jail."

Freund said the proposed budget reduction could easily cut 2,500 students out of higher education at UNO. "This is not a worst-case scenario."

Freund said he and the AAUP members are looking for a very dramatic impact to result from their actions.

"This is what I call a bread and butter university. It is here for people who are working and need flexibility," he said.

According to Freund, UNO has already begun a budget reduction process which would cancel classes, eliminate faculty, and cut important academic programs.

Doug Paterson, AAUP member and chairman of the dramatic arts department, said the budget for his department has not changed much since the mid-80s, even though UNO's enroll-

ment has been consistently rising.

"There is not fat at UNO, nothing whatsoever," Paterson said. He added that the demonstration was a way to make political action available to everyone.

> "This is the working-class university, that is why people see us as expendable," Paterson said. "Our mission is really expanding our

Freund said UNO is not a university with a lot of frills. "We are a lean, mean, teaching machine."

He said this kind of campaign is one which will gain momentum. "We hope we can get most students to fill out this card and send it in."

Janet West, a UNO economics professor and AAUP member, said the public's reation to the flyers

seemed positive.

— Doug Paterson

Weber was not informed of the event before it took place. "I thought it was well done, and I thought it was very effective," Weber said.

West said another university official, NU President Martin Massengale, who attended Celebrate UNO, also had positive reactions to the flyers.

"The impression I got from him was that we're all in this boat together," West said.





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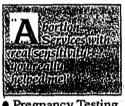


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Is Earth Day just a fad?

Yesterday was the 21st annual Earth Day, but it seems it wasn't as exciting as last year's.

After all, last year Earth Day was a huge extravaganza, with concerts around the country attended by thousands, and television musicals encouraging people to save the planet.

Last year at this time, publishers couldn't churn out books with titles like "50 Things You Can Do To Save the Earth" fast enough. And all the big movie stars wanted to make sure they said the right, environmentally-conscious things.

Staff Editorial

Happy Earth Day

Put simply, Earth Day 1990 was in many ways, a fad. This year, the Earth Day celebrations were nowhere near the

scale of last year's. For most people, it was just another day. But don't write Earth Day off as a failure just yet. Since last year, people have started recycling their trash. They are demanding manufacturers make products that are more environmentally

sound. In short, people are thinking about the impact their actions have on the environment much more than ever before.

So maybe we don't need an ABC musical tribute to Earth Day. Maybe we are starting to learn the message Earth Day has been trying to teach us for 21 years.

"Earth Day, every day."



Silencing bigots just compounds their evil

1951 — By merely being called a "communist," a student at any university in the United States could be in danger of harassment, alienation or expulsion.

1991 — Replace "communist" with "racist," "sexist," "homophobe," or any other tag that has become popular recently and the above paragraph holds true today.

How far we've come in 40 years. ...

Around the country, a new movement has been sweeping universities. The movement recognizes the obvious demons that plague our society — racism, sexism, and everything else that draws distinct lines to keep us apart. It has become a fight that no one would oppose. After all, no one can defend racism, can they?

Spurred by special-interest groups, the movement has been fighting these demons and is picking up speed in its quest.

This "politically correct" (PC) movement has raised the consciousness of all Americans to problems that previously were shrugged off. But some of these "victories" have had chilling effects on universities across the country.

This PC battle has become a moral fight in which the PC warriors can do no wrong. The end justifies the means in this fight, Right?

The underlying theme of the PC movement is that the white, male, European culture has oppressed minorities throughout the history of the country.

The PC solution to this problem? At its extreme, it is to remove the oppression by removing any speech, expression, or thought that may offend minorities, be it African-Americans, women, Native Americans, etc.

(Note that we cannot, due to the PC movement, say "blacks," "females," or "Indians." These terms, among others, have been labeled "politically incorrect," and therefore evil).

This is all well and good for most of us.

Speaking personally, we would no more want to offend or hurt someone with our words than we would want someone to

Dave Dufek and Patrick Runge



Columnists



intentionally offend or hurt us with theirs.

But there is a larger issue here. Do we have the right to be offensive?

The right of free speech does not need to be protected when what you are saying is popular. In a sense, the only people who truly need the First Amendment are the people that may disagree with the views of the majority.

When Martin Luther King, Jr. began his protests, many people found what he was saying offensive. They demanded he be barred from presenting his ideas.

In principle, the PC movement is doing the exact same thing. Of course, there can be no comparison between the message of King and the message of a bigot. But the point is not what the

message has to say. The point is that in a free society, everyone must have the right to his own opinion — even if that opinion is offensive to others. In America, you have the right to be a bigot.

Why should we allow this? After all, it's obvious how wrong bigots are. Shouldn't we, as a society, have a right to be free from what is so obviously wrong?

Consider this: Currently, it is "obviously wrong" to be a bigot. Forty years ago, it was "obviously wrong" to be a communist. Forty years before that, it was "obviously wrong" for women to

The university is supposed to be a place of academic freedom, where all ideas can be brought out and discussed. Currently,

however, people with "politically incorrect" ideas cower in fear of being labeled - and then kicked out of school for their "dangerous ideas."

And a university afraid to discuss all ideas is not a university. It is a trade school — teaching you what they want you to know, not how to seek the truth.

The past is just that — the past. Let's go forward and greet bigotry with what it deserves - contempt, scorn and flat-out disagreement. But not with censorship.

Before we conclude, we would like to make it clearly understood that we in no way support or condone the ideas of racism, sexism, homophobia or any of the other injustices we all suffer from.

Yes, all. As two white, European males, we are damaged by these injustices as well. Certainly we can't claim the kind of suffering many minorities have suffered, and do suffer.

But the injustice of it all offends and disgusts us as much as it does a direct victim. We don't need a law to be offended. Nor do we need someone telling us we should be offended.

Silencing the bigots will not make bigotry go away, however. Ignoring the symptoms of a disease doesn't make the disease go

Fighting the symptoms never makes the disease go away. We must strike at the heart of the problem - the hatred and intolerance we all still see.

A good example is the neo-Nazi march in Denver, held to commemorate Hitler's birthday Saturday. Knowing how offended many people would be about this march, the city of Denver could have refused to allow them to make their march.

Instead the march went on. The neo-Nazis made their pitch and were revealed to the people of Denver as the mindless

When Hitler rose to power in Germany, he burned books with ideas he found "offensive" to his master race. We have a duty to be better than that.

Start silencing people and you may be the next to be silenced.

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Letters to the Editor

Registrar's office 'closes doors of opportunity'

There must be a way to increase staff and worker efficiency at UNO's registrar's office.

I have been a student at the University of Nebraska since the spring of 1987. I had planned to graduate this May. Seven weeks prior to the end of this semester, I received a short letter informing me that I did not have enough credits to graduate. The registrar's office showed that I was eight credits short, nearly one semester shy of the required 125 credits needed to graduate.

In the fall of 1990, my transcripts showed that I had 129 credit hours. As a result, I was advised by my counselor to take only the classes required for my program (since I had already filled the credit requirement.)

Now, less than six weeks before graduation, the registrar's office has realized their own mistake. In return I am left with those firm but comforting words, "I'm sorry, but that is our policy."

After struggling through years of college courses, and finally approaching that "light at the end of the tunnel," apologies are of no consolation and do little to remedy my situation; and from what I undersstand, my situation is not unique. UNO's registrar office has a history of miscalculating students' earned credit hours.

I realize that ultimately it is the student's responsibility to keep records of their own credit hours. I also realize that the staff at the registrar's office is human and not totally immune to making mistakes. But if this type of problem is occuring as frequently as I am told, maybe the registrar's office should take a look at some of the reasons why credits are not being properly

Fortunately, I will be able to walk through the graduation ceremony in May, and I will receive my diploma after completing eight more credit hours of school. Still, I had not planned on taking classes this summer. Now I must make other financial arrangements to afford the cost of additional courses. Emotionally, this situation has left me drained. I had planned on entering the work force and obtaining the job I desired after years of hard work. Instead, the doors of opportunity are temporarily closed before me.

I was raised where individuals took responsibilty for their actions. It is time for UNO's registrar's office to start taking responsibility for their actions and begin implementing a more effective approach for calculating student's earned credit hours.

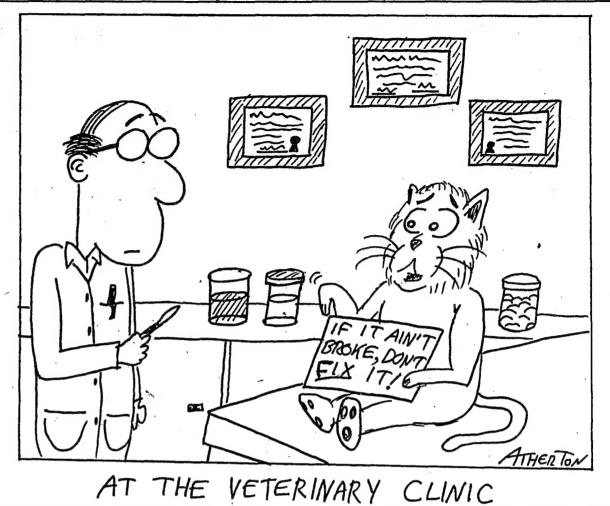
It is unjust and unfortunate that students are entering their senior year with falses hopes of graduating, such as I.

> Konnie Kirchner **UNO** student

Abortion ad 'a sincere atternpt to reach women'

It is unfortunate that Ms. Williams and the UNO Students for Choice resort to using half-truths and acerbic comments in their letter to the editor dated March 12, 1991 concerning an ad placed in the Gateway by UNO Students for Life. The ad was a sincere Off the wall

By Bob Atherton



attempt to reach those women who may have suffered both physical and psychological trauma from a previous abortion.

Sadly, it is not until well after an abortion is performed, sometimes years later, that a woman realizes the consequences of her earlier decisions. Complications can occur ranging from guilt and remorse to depression and suicide. There is a growing body of women trying to fight the falsehood that everything is just fine after an abortion. Organizations such as RACHEL, WEBA (Women Exploited By Abortion) and others have been established by women for women who have experienced postabortion trauma.

UNO Students for Life invites Ms. Williams and her group in trying to help these women - they need our love and support. We will continue to promote the truth and will offer help those injured by abortion.

> Laura Beal UNO Students for Life

Marriage 'only context in which sex is worthwhile'

Dave Dufek's April 16 column about sex was certainly amusing. Although he obviously drew upon the subject as a last resort which was guaranteed to attract readers, his message about communication in sex was legitimate.

However, his reduction of sexual activity to a simple "yes" or "no" transacion was ridiculous. The interactions which lead to sex and the often overwhelming results of sex deserve a deeper understanding between engaged partners. Part of the beauty of women is their mystery, that quality which requires a man and not a boy to decipher.

Due to the extensive time and emotional rapture necessary for a man to learn a woman, marriage is the only context within which sex will have any meaning. As a "nice guy" who does not comprehend why his female acquaintences fall for bonehead jocks, Mr. Dufek will probably agree.

> Dave Clute UNO Student

But on the other hand . . .

I just wanted to say that I've really enjoyed reading columnist Dave Dufek's last two articles on sex and relationships with women. Whoever he is currently dating should consider herself

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Saddam's reign shows history repeats itself

BY TIM ROHWER

Is Iraqi President Saddam Hussein repeating the actions of an ancient Syrian ruler?

According to a leading archaeologist, he is. Joe Seger, head of the Cobb Archaeological Institute at Mississippi State University and president of the Albright Institute in Jerusalem, said recent archaeological findings of the reign of Sennacherib, who ruled Syria from 705 B.C. to 681 B.C., show several characteristics one might identify with the current reign of Hussein.

Seger, a former UNO professor, returned to campus Friday to show slides of the archaeological findings. More than 70 people attended the event in the Student Center. The program was titled, "The Sennacherib Syndrome: Scuds, Stones and Ancient Bones."

Seger said the findings indicate the Sennacherib reign enjoyed a rich cultural heritage. The area where Sennacherib ruled is probably the richest archaeological area concerning western civilization, Seger said. It was where the origin of writing began and where important laws and legal codes were created, according to

Seger said Sennacherib was a ruthless warrior, inclined to military expansion. Drawings show captured people being hung by Sennacherib's army. Seger said the ruler wanted to dominate the entire Middle Eastern area, but was unable to conquer one of his main targets, Terusalem

Sennacherib had great interest in technol-

ogy, Seger said. The ruler brought shipbuilders from other regions to Syria to make ships for his army. Sennacherib found ways to transport his ships through the desert to distant bodies of water and attack his enemies by ship.

Seger said another characteristic of Sennacherib's reign was he suffered internal conflicts, especially with his opponents in Babylon. He finally destroyed the city in 689

Seger said Sennacherib was killed in 681 B.C. during a coup by his own family.

He said of the correlation between Sennacherib and Hussein, "History is repeating itself. It is continuing in the modern scene."

Seger said he is unsure of the extent of damage to Iraqi excavation sites caused by the Persian Gulf war.

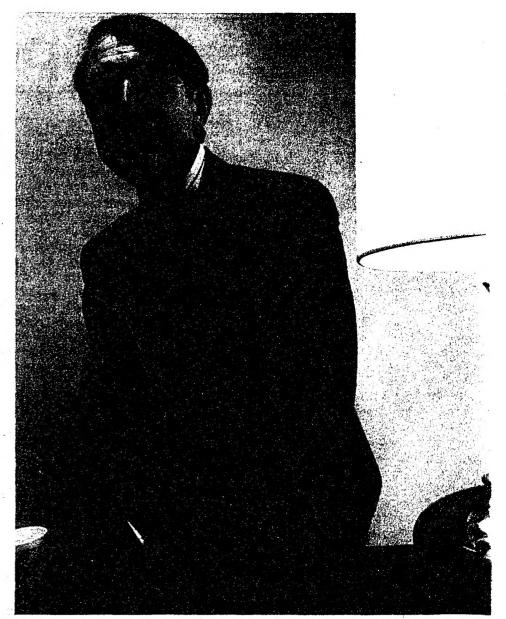
"We really don't know the damage," he said. "There's been no internal information from Iraq. There's got to be some damage."

He said information about excavation damage may be slow in coming, since archaeology is now a low priority in Iraq.

Fortunately, Seger said, the Iraqi Scud attacks on Israel only temporarily halted archaeological activity in that country.

"It's back to business as usual now," he said. Seger was a professor of philosophy and religion at UNO for several years before leaving in 1982.

"He left because of the budget crunch," said Richard Freund, professor of philosophy and religion. "He wanted to stay here."



Joe Seger, head of the Cobb Archaeological Institute at Mississippi State University and president of the Albright Institute in Jerusalem, spoke at UNO Friday. He discussed the correlation between Saddam Husseln and Sennacherib, an ancient Syrian ruler. Seger said, "History is repeating itself. It is continuing in the modern scene."

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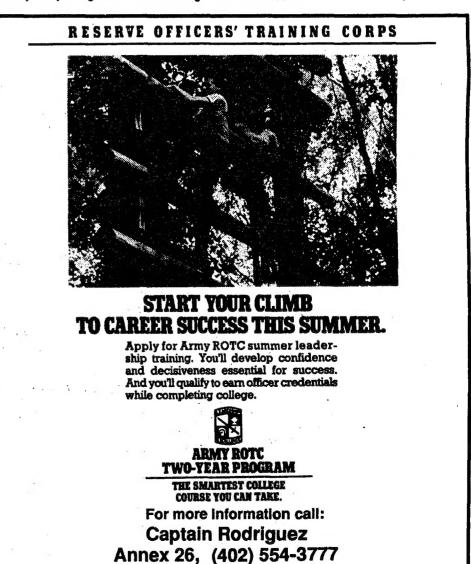
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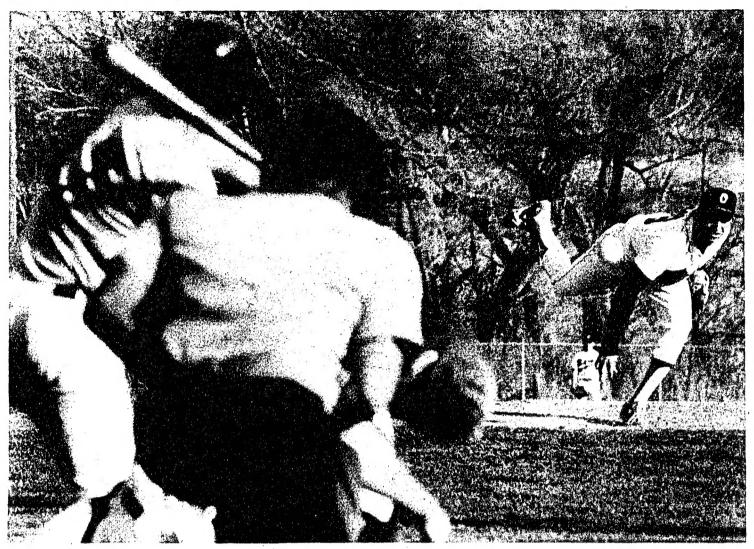
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Paul Cech on the mound for the Mavs. Cech, the Mavs' quarterback last fall, said he feels the baseball team will be a good one in the near future. "I'm glad he (coach Bob Gates) gave me the opportunity to come out for baseball," he said.

Going from footballs to fastballs

By DAREN SCHRAT

Some people can't get enough.
Paul Cech is one of those people.

Throwing footballs is not the only thing Cech likes to throw — Cech also pitches for the Maverick baseball team.

Playing sports year round has been a big part of Cech's life from the start. While growing up in Schuyler, Neb. Cech has played baseball since he was 7 years old. He played football and basketball, and was on the track team at Schuyler Central High School. He also played American Legion baseball in the summer.

This is the first year Cech has played baseball since high school. "I've always wanted to play baseball in college and this year seemed to be a good year to try," he said. Cech said getting back on the mound was a little difficult at first, but he quickly regained his pitching control.

"The players have been really understanding, they know I came here to play football. In the beginning it was hard because I had spring football and had to miss some baseball practice," he said. Cech also said he was glad coach Bob Gates let him play.

"I'm glad he gave me the opportunity to come out for baseball this year." Cech said

Gates was open about practices and allowed him to work baseball around football.

Despite this year's disappointing season, Cech feels the Maverick baseball team will be a good team in the near future.

"There are no seniors on the team, they are young. There are a lot of quality players on this team," he said. Cech added the team has played against some tough competition, giving the team valuable experience.

Cech admitted he was a little hesitant about trying out for the baseball team. Because spring practice coincided with baseball, Cech found himself throwing baseballs for seven innings and immediately going to football practice. Head football coach Tom Mueller encouraged Cech toplay baseball. Fellow Maverick football players were wondering why Cech was playing baseball, but thought they wouldn't mind trying also.

The busy schedule of playing baseball, football practice, maintaining good grades, and weight training, has made Cech an old hand at budgeting time. He worked for a little while but had to quit. Cech said he has a job lined up once baseball ends and he gets a break from football. "You've got to work," he said.

Cech said he has not had a problem with the

different styles between pitching and throwing. Although he occasionally gets a sore arm, he has not suffered any injuries. He said baseball, and the running involved in training, has helped with his overall conditioning.

Cech said he is looking forward to the 1991 football season. He said the new offensive coordinator, Chuck Osberg, instilled confidence and progress in the Maverick offense.

"From the first scrimmage, we moved the ball in a way that was non-existent before," he said.

After a dismal 2-9 season in 1990, which saw the Mavs lose eight straight, Cech feels the team has been working harder to avoid another frustrating season.

"The attitude is 'never again a 2-9 season, do your part, and turn it around.' The coaches are relaying it to the players," Cech said. "I've never seen the offense so enthused, the confidence level is so much greater."

It is obvious Paul Cech and the Maverick football team have had enough. Will the teams' hard work and offensive change bring success? We will see. "We're better than a 2-9 team. You've got to work hard and do better," he said.

Sarah Smock Sports columnist



Where's the press?

UNO athletes don't always get the credit they deserve.

The local media rarely pays much attention to what's happening at UNO. For instance, Sunday's *Omaha World-Herald* sports page had two front page stories about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln football team. That UNO had a scrimmage on Saturday was somewhere in the vicinity of Page 4, I think.

Part of the problem is probably that UNO athletic events don't draw the huge crowds that UNL athletic events do. I'm not saying, however, that the *Herald* is totally at fault in their lack of coverage. UNO seems to be caught in a sort of Catch-22.

I imagine what the people at the *Herald* are thinking is they should write about what is drawing attention in the sports world. There is certainly nothing wrong with this idea.

We all know UNO athletic events don't draw nearly as many people as UNL athletic events do. Why? Well, it's hard to say. I've heard people say more than once if UNO received more coverage by the local media, then maybe more people in the community would develop an interest in UNO athletics.

But who is going to make the first move—the fans or the media? I have a feeling that UNO athletics are going to have to start drawing bigger crowds before the local media is going to take any notice. I suppose a big scandal in the athletic department would get UNO some coverage. I haven't heard about any big scandals here, so I guess we'll just have to work toward getting some positive coverage.

UNO athletes work hard. They probably work as hard as the student athletes at schools like UNL, and yet they don't receive the coverage or the credit athletes at more well-known schools receive. In addition, they usually don't receive the multimillion dollar contracts that some athletes receive after graduation (or in some cases even before graduation).

Most of the athletes at UNO know their participation in college athletics is mainly for fun. Most of them realize they are not going to make a living as a professional athlete after finishing at UNO.

Maybe if UNO had some potential Bo Jacksons on their football and baseball teams or a potential Michael Jordan on the basketball team, more fans would attend the games. Unfortunately, with UNO's athletic budget, it isn't likely that we'll see any.

But we may have more important people here. Because most UNO student athletes will never make \$5 million a year playing sports, they have got to be concerned about education.

Somaybe instead of having the Bo Jacksons and Michael Jordans, UNO will help produce a doctor who can cure what ails Bo Jackson. Or maybe UNO will produce the person who discovers a cheaper form of energy and saves the planet.

It's hard to predict the future, but wouldn't you like to be able to say you saw the Nobel Peace Prize winner for the year 2015 playing sports at UNO in 1991. Maybe if we can draw more fans to UNO's athletic events, we'll have the opportunity to say that.

I'd like to take this chance to thank all the graduating athletes for making UNO a great school, and I'd like to wish all the continuing student athletes luck in the future.

Diet Pepsi walk totals \$81,600

By MARK GREGORY

Saturday's UNO/Diet Pepsi Women's Walk at Caniglia Field raised an estimated \$75,000, Women's Athletic Coordinator Connie Claussen said.

The proceeds of the event go directly to the women's athletic department to pay for scholarships and team travel for UNO's female student-athletes. The walk is the largest annual fund-raiser for the women's athletic department.

Claussen said 901 women participated in the half-hour walk during Celebrate UNO.

The Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. donated \$15,000 to sponsor the walk.

"Team members were made up of faculty women, faculty wives, community and business organizations and some UNO students," Claussen said.

On April 11, the fourth annual UNO/Diet Pepsi Briefcase Relay raised more than \$6,600 for the UNO women's athletic department, bringing the total amount to more than \$81,600.

The relay, originally scheduled to take place in Memorial Park, was held inside the UNO Fieldhouse because of inclement weather.

The Briefcase Relay has raised more than \$31,600 the past four years. In the past six years,

the Women's Walk has raised more than \$355,000.

"The Briefcase Relay was a big success," Claussen said, "We raised over \$6,600, and I think it was a good event to proceed the Diet Pepsi Women's Walk. I think everyone involved had a good time."

Fifteen teams participated in the relay, which raised money through entry fees. Each team represented a local business. The businesses were charged a fee based on the size of the company.

All participants of the 15, three-member teams had to complete 10 laps around the fieldhousetrack before handing off a briefcase.